

December 23, 1963

Mr. J. E. Garry
Chief of Police

Sir:

The attached reports confirm that Jack Ruby was in the basement of the City Hall on November 22, 1963, on the third floor of the City Hall on November 22, 1963 or November 23, 1963, as well as near the County Jail and the Texas Depository Building on November 23, 1963.

Respectfully submitted,



O. A. Jones
Captain of Police

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INTERVIEW WITH WES WISE KRLD-TV NEWSMAN

I interviewed Wes Wise at 7:30 p.m. on November 29, 1963, at 1107 Camp, the KRLD-TV Newsroom.

Wes Wise said that about 3:00 p.m. Saturday, November 23, 1963, he was trying to retrace Lee Oswald's steps of the day before, as far as they could. He had parked his mobile unit on Houston Street across from the Texas Depository Book Building. His unit was parked headed diagonally in a southeasterly direction. Wise stated that he returned to his unit and as he was using his radio to communicate with his office, he saw someone walking to the unit from the direction of the railroad tracks which were located north of him.

Mr. Wise stated he rolled the window up as the figure neared his unit but the person remained outside until he completed his message. Wise said he then rolled the window down and the man stuck his hand in the window and said "I'm Jack Ruby". Wise then recognized him. Jack Ruby then said "All this was a shame and particularly for the President's children". Wise said he then told Ruby about going out to the Trade Mart and taking pictures of the box of saddles that had been a present to be given to the President for his children. He said that upon hearing this, Ruby's eyes misted over. He did not start crying, however.

Mr. Wise said that on Friday night, November 23, 1963, about 11:00 p.m. or later he heard a broadcast over KLIFF that gave what the announcer thought was some exclusive lead or material. It concerned Mr. Henry Wade, the District Attorney, and gave Jack Ruby the credit for the lead.

Mr. Wise asked Ruby about this Saturday afternoon and Ruby said "yes, he had given that to them and would have done the same thing for him if he had been there". Wes thought the announcer's name might have been Russ Knight. He was not sure about this and does not know a "Russ Knight".

Mr. Wise also said that the only time he was in the City Hall was from 1 1/2 to 2 hours or more before the shooting, when he drove through the basement of the City Hall and let some cameraman off. He did not see any officers at the Main Street entrance at this time. He did not see Jack Ruby at all and there were very few people in the basement.

Mr. Wise promised to let me know if he remembered anything further.

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December 12, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Jack Ruby Case

Sir:

Information was received that Officer Velt O'Dell had driven a car out the Main Street entrance shortly before Lieutenant Pierce emerged from this entrance. O'Dell was interrogated concerning this and he stated that he was not at the City Hall, but was summoned to the City Hall after Oswald was shot, and he drove a Squad Car into the Basement at that time, and when he left the City Hall he exited at the Commerce St. ramp.

Respectfully submitted,


W. R. Westbrook
Captain of Police
Personnel Bureau

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December 16, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Jack Ruby

Sir:

On Saturday, November 23, 1963, Sergeant D. V. Harkness #471 was working traffic at the corner of Elm and Houston Streets. About 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. that date Sergeant Harkness observed Jack Ruby standing in the street and directed Ruby to get back on the sidewalk. This was on the corner by the Records Building.

Sergeant Harkness stated that he is acquainted with Jack Ruby and knows him on sight.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Hart
H. M. Hart, Detective
Special Service Bureau

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December 18, 1963

Mr. J. E. Garry
Chief of Police

Subject: Jack Ruby

Sir:

On Saturday, November 23, 1963, Patrolman P. M. Cooper, #1283 was assigned as point-control at Elm and Houston Streets. About 3:00 p.m. that date subject walked up to Officer Cooper and stated that it was a terrible thing that President Kennedy had been killed. Officer Cooper stated that Ruby had walked from the curb at the corner of the Records Building, crossed the street to Dealey Plaza.

Patrolman Cooper is not personally acquainted with Jack Ruby, however, has seen him on numerous occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. Hart
H. M. Hart, Detective
Special Service Bureau

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December 18, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

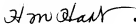
Subject: Jack Ruby

Sir:

On Saturday, November 23, 1963, between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Patrolman James M. Chaney #469 was assigned in the Elm, Houston Streets area. Officer Chaney saw Jack Ruby in the park area near the Texas School Book Depository. Officer Chaney stated that Ruby approached him, pointed out 2 men across the street and asked if these men were Chief Curry and Captain Frits, to which Officer Chaney replied "Yes". Jack Ruby then stated to Officer Chaney "It's a terrible thing that it had to happen in Dallas".

Officer Chaney has known Jack Ruby for several years.

Respectfully submitted,



H. M. Hart, Detective
Special Service Bureau

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Nov. 27. 1963.

Subject: Interview with Ron Jenkins, K. B. O X.

At approximately 11 AM Chief Batchelor and Chief Stevenson interviewed Mr. Ron Jenkins of Radio Station K B O X regarding some information he had given Art Hammett regarding Jack Ruby being in the Police & Courts building. Art Hammett was also present.

Mr. Jenkins stated he saw Jack Ruby on the Third floor Friday Night. That he was in about 5 or 6 feet of him.

He stated Sunday afternoon he heard a K L I F broadcast of a tape cut in conversation with Rubys Sister. She stated on the broadcast she believed Jack had a press pass or card.

Mr. Jenkins stated that apparently some of the reporters were losing their passes and badges, that he found one on floor in name of Jim Magnum. That he knew this man personally and returned it to him.

Mr. Jenkins states he observed a man wearing a press badge bearing name of Jim Magnum, Associated press. The man wearing the badge was not Magnum. He remarked to the man 'Jim Magnum' the man replied no, I just found it and put it on. He did know this man, however it was not Jack Ruby. He also states he found a press badge on the floor which belonged to a C B S Reporter. He knew the man personally and returned it to him. He had lost it from his jacket.

He stated Jack Ruby is quite an Avid radio fan. That he is always offering members of the Radio Stations and press passes to his night clubs.

Mr. Jenkins stated that he had difficulty gaining admission Sunday morning to the City Hall. He was checked at Commerce St. entrance to City Hall, Was checked at top of stair leading from First floor to basement and was checked at the foot of the stairs in the basement by a plainclothes man.

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Nov. 27. 1963.

Interview with Mr. Sam Pate. K B O X Radio.

Present Chief Batchelor.

ASSSS Deputy Chief Stevenson.

Friday night, Nov 22nd. Mr. Pate observed Ruby in the assembly room i basement of City Hall , He was about 4 or 5 rows of seats back from the platform on which a desk is located. Ruby was standing on a chair, table or something and was well above the majority of others present. Mr. Pate was sitting on the front edge of the platform facing the back of the room. When Ruby stood up he saw no press badge on him, Ruby held in his hand a small, looked like spiral note book, Or was about that size. He looked directly toward the platform on which Mr. Wade and others were standing, held up the small note book which was open, Mr. pate stated there appeared to be some writing, in pencil on the note book.

Mr. Pate states he remarked to Jerry Kunkel, also of K. B. O..X who was with him at the time, 'There os Jack Ruby' How did he get in here? Mr. Pate stated he knew Ruby well. After they left the assembly room, but still in the basement Mr. Pate introduced Jack Ruby to Jerry Kunkle. Ruby had a handful of passes to the Carousel Club. He offered each of them a pass, Kunkle accepted a pass. Mr. Pate did not accept, the pass.

Mr. Pate states he believes Ruby wrote down Mr. Kunkles name on the back of one of the Club passes which he held in his hand.

Mr. Pate states he dád not see Ruby after this as he was not at the City Hall on Saturday or Sunday.

December 1, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Jack Ruby

Sir:

On Friday night, November 22, 1963 at around 11:50 pm, I was going off duty in the Burglary and Theft Bureau. I left the third floor and went to the basement of the Police Building with Lt. George Butler who was going to drive me to where my car was parked. He told me that he wanted to listen to a press conference in the Police Assembly Room which was being held for the purpose of the press interviewing District Attorney Henry Wade and giving them an opportunity to photograph Lee Harvey Oswald, suspected assassin of President Kennedy and Officer J. D. Tippitt.

As we entered the police assembly room, it was entirely filled from back to front with press people and police officers and officials. I estimate that there were about 300 people in this room, many of them standing on the desks and chairs. Deputy Chief Charles Batchelor was at the front of the room near Mr. Wade. He saw me at the door of the room and motioned for me to come over to him. He then instructed me to stand in a line of officers at the front of the room to keep the press or anyone from rushing Oswald when he was brought into this room. I was standing at the right end of the line, next to Captain Glenn King who was on my left. This was immediately prior to Oswald being brought into this room. I did observe Jack Ruby at this time, standing on a desk next to the east wall and about 25 feet from the front of the room. He had a notebook and pen in his hand as if to take notes. At this time someone near the door shouted to him about what he was doing in this room. He shouted back that he had "brought the sandwiches." He then shouted "I'm interpreting for a Jewish newspaper." At this time, Oswald was brought into the room and Ruby was forgotten.

After Oswald was taken from this room, Mr. Wade conducted his interview. He had trouble being heard due to the noise and clamor in this room, so I turned on the loud speaker system for him. Being unable to leave Mr. Wade's platform, I remained at his right side until he finished his interview. I then left the building with Lt. Butler. I have known Jack Ruby since about 1951 and did not know that he had a police record.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. Leonard
T. B. Leonard, Lieutenant
Burglary & Theft Bureau

December 11, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Re: Interview with Jimmy Darnell,
Cameraman WBAP-TV

Sir:

The subject was interviewed on December 10, 1963.

Darnell was not present in the basement on Sunday, November 24, 1963.

Darnell stated the only time he ever saw Jack Ruby was Friday night, November 22, 1963, or early Saturday morning, November 23, 1963. He said he took about 500 feet of film in the Assembly Room during Mr. Henry Wade's press conference. He said a few minutes later out in the hallway outside of the Records Bureau, Reporter John Rutledge of the Dallas Morning News pointed out a man that Rutledge said was "a very mean man". Darnell told him something about Ruby biting a man's nose off and the man stating that Ruby "fought like a woman". Rutledge said he had talked to the victim but did not remember who he was. Rutledge told Darnell it occurred about eight or ten years ago.

Darnell said he did not recall any other information that might be of value to us.

Respectfully submitted,



O. A. Jones
Captain of Police

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Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

December 5, 1963

Re: Interview with John Rutledge,
Dallas Morning News

Sir:

I interviewed Mr. Rutledge at 6:00 p.m. on Monday evening, December 2, 1963.

He denied ever seeing Jack Ruby with a press pass and had no information that any officer had told Jack Ruby that he could go up and see Oswald.

He remembers that before 6:00 p.m. on November 22, 1963, that he was standing by the door leading into the Burglary and Theft Bureau and that he saw Jack Ruby standing real close to some newsmen. Captain Frits was being interviewed by a group of newsmen. Some newsmen asked who was being interviewed and Rutledge said Ruby answered thusly: "Will- W I L L, Frits- F R I T Z. Mr. Rutledge saw about 4 officers speak to Ruby during the time of the interview. He also saw Ruby at another time standing near newsmen just outside the door leading to the Forgery Bureau. He does not remember Ruby talking to anyone at this time.

Rutledge states that almost everytime he saw Ruby, that Ruby was physically crowding himself against newsmen.

Mr. Rutledge says on another occasion, does not remember if it was Friday, November 22, 1963 or Saturday, November 23, 1963, he was near the elevator on the third floor of the Police and Courts Building. Uniformed guards were checking people entering the third floor. He saw two newsmen walk from the elevators to the hallway leading to the CID Bureau Offices. These two men were newsmen but he does not know who they were. Jack Ruby was pushed up between them with his left arm around the newsmen to his left and a piece of folded paper in his other hand. This paper had some writing on it but Rutledge did not know what the writing was. Ruby was talking and waving the paper to the two newsmen as they turned down the hallway toward the Homicide Office. He did not see a press identification or pass on Ruby and the officers apparently allowed the 3 to pass them without checking identification. Rutledge said about midnight of Friday, November 22, 1963, there was a press conference and

show-up in the Assembly Room in the basement of the City Hall. He said Oswald was shown. Henry Wade also gave a press conference. Rutledge said that the conference was divided in two parts. The first part was to a roomful of newsmen and upon conclusion of this conference some of the TV newsmen requested that Henry answer some more questions so the TV cameras could get it. Rutledge said he saw another Dallas news reporter, Harry McCormack and asked Harry if he would cover the rest of the conference while he, Rutledge, was phoning in what he had already obtained.

Mr. Rutledge left to phone in his report and when he returned, many of the newsmen had gone. He remembers that he could not find Harry McCormack and while looking for him, he continued looking around the room. Mr. Henry Wade was at the desk and Judge David Johnston was seated across the desk in front of Mr. Wade. Mr. Rutledge saw Jack Ruby standing between the second and third row desk directly in front of Judge Johnston. He saw Ruby lean over toward Judge Johnston as far as he could and hand a business type card that had a red circle on one end of the card in his hand. Judge Johnston leaned toward him as far as he could and took the card.

Mr. Rutledge then left the assembly room through a rear door that led into the Records Bureau. He went to the second desk north of Captain Slaughter's Office in the first row of desks that are west of the row of filing cabinets running north and south through the center of the Records Bureau.

Mr. Rutledge used a phone on this desk and he saw Jack Ruby using a telephone on the first desk south of him. This would be the first desk in the same row as was the desk Rutledge was using, and would be the desk closest to the entrance to the Records Bureau adjacent to Captain Slaughter's Office.

The District Attorney, Mr. Henry Wade, then entered the Records Bureau through the entrance near Captain Slaughter's Office. Jack Ruby was calling and motioning Mr. Wade to come to the telephone and said into the phone, "Mr. Wade is here now, I'll let you talk to him." At the same time a reporter was calling

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Mr. Wade to the telephone on the counter on the east side of the Records Bureau and requesting that he come to that phone as they were on the air at that time. Mr. Wade hesitated momentarily and then went to the phone on the counter. Mr. Rutledge left his line open and stood near Mr. Wade while he was talking. Mr. Rutledge stated that upon completion of this call, Mr. Wade went to the desk where Jack Ruby was and engaged in a conversation with the person to whom Ruby had been talking.

Mr. Rutledge said that he engaged in a conversation with Cameraman Jimmy Darnell of BBAP-TV, Channel 5 at one time regarding Jack Ruby, but he does not remember if this was on Friday or Saturday.

Mr. Darnell will be interviewed regarding this.

Mr. Rutledge was not present in the basement of the City Hall on Sunday, November 24, 1963.

Respectfully submitted,

O. A. Jones
Captain of Police

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